



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 843

LR 1491(02)

An Act To Adjust the Formula for Calculating the Allocation of Moose Permits for Hunting Lodges

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$20,176	\$20,176	\$20,176	\$20,176
Revenue				
General Fund	(\$20,176)	(\$20,176)	(\$20,176)	(\$20,176)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$58,240	\$58,240	\$58,240	\$58,240

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill reduces the number of moose hunting permits issued to nonresidents from 10% to 8% and changes the number issued to hunting outfitters from 10% of the number of permits that exceed 3,140 (not expected to exceed 3,140 in near future, due to decreased moose population) to 2% of total permits issued. The bill also directs that if the proceeds from the auction of moose hunting permits to fund youth conservation education programs are less than \$107,000, then the proceeds from moose hunting outfitters permits will be used to make up the difference, with the remainder deposited into the Moose Research and Management Fund (MRMF).

The change to hunting outfitters moose hunting permits will increase the number of these permits issued and the amount of revenue to the MRMF. The reduction in permits issued to nonresidents will decrease General Fund and MRMF. Overall, these changes are anticipated to reduce General Fund revenue by an estimated \$20,176 and increase MRMF Other Special Revenue Funds revenue by an estimated \$58,240 annually beginning in fiscal year 2017-18.